

Minutes - Community Development Meeting January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2021

Present: Trent Adams, Judy Hammons, Mallory Bartleson, Kathy Hutchison, Angela Gadzik, Nick Martinez (YMCA Camp Abe Lincoln)

Camp Abe Lincoln – presentation by Nick Martinez, camp director

Nick Martinez from Camp Able Lincoln requested that the Committee consider providing funds through the Camp Abe Lincoln General Campaign rather than directly to each camper's tuition in order to enable the Camp to provide matching funds that could be used to sponsor non-Buffalo resident campers. Nick also suggested that the Committee consider the option of providing partial-day programming through Camp continuously throughout the summer rather than full days limited to only two weeks per summer. The Committee agreed to consider these options and discussed making a goal to reduce family contributions for campers to \$30-50 per child in order to increase community participation.

Nick also suggested that the Committee work with the camp to host a Buffalo community night "Open House" at Camp Abe Lincoln this spring to replace the Fun Night usually held at the elementary school which will be canceled this year due to Covid-19.

Sidewalks

A suggestion was made to pay for the Buffalo City Engineer Mike Janacek to do an engineering study for putting in a sidewalk on the north side of Front Street from Franklin Street to the west edge of town which could then possibly be implemented with grant money. Trent will request Tanna to provide a cost estimate for this engineering study for us to discuss at our next meeting.

Boat Ramp

Trent received an estimate of \$72,000 from Superior Seawall for a 24' x 80' dock proposed to be installed at the lower rail road crossing across from J/J Body Shop. Next steps would involve contacting the rail road to check if they would switch crossing points from the existing boat ramp.

Covid-19 Support for local businesses

The committee voted unanimously to approve spending \$2000 to compensate local businesses that would be contributing donations for the Buffalo Volunteer Fire Department St. Patrick's Day Dance. Businesses to be supported would include (but not limited to) Clark's Landing, Janie's Riverview Cafe, Judy's Barge Inn, DocSide Chiropractic and Fitness, Terry's Barber Shop and The Jeweled Leaf Flower Shop.